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## THE "PROTEST"

**T**WO FAMILIAR alleged remedies for rate extortion have bobbed up serenely, since the Connecticut Company announced that it will raise fares to six cents, effective Oct. 1. Mayor Wilson announces that the city will **PROTEST**. Other gentlemen declare that an inter-city protest must be arranged.

Protesting cities and protesting official gentlemen were about the commonest objects scattered all along the road of transportation finance in Connecticut and other parts of New England. There was always plenty of protest from men entrusted with municipal power, but seldom any action that was of any value.

The Connecticut Company cares no more for a protest from Mayor Wilson and the Common Council of Bridgeport, than it cares for an earthquake on the moon. The protest may disturb somewhat the calm dignity of President L. S. Storrs, but not half so much as the august head of this corporation would be annoyed by a fly crawling over his nose.

There is but one remedy that is worth the effort to put it into effect. If there is to be effective action it will be necessary to bring a rate case, which will involve a valuation of the property, and the fixing of a rate that will bring a fair return upon the investment, and no more.

The law with respect to capital invested in street railway companies is old and simple. The company is entitled to a fair return upon the actual value of the property used for the service of the public. The company is not entitled to returns upon watered stock, or bonds, nor to any profits on obsolete and disused property, nor for the funds invested in the multitudinous forms of waste which have been so notoriously practiced by the public services of Connecticut.

If Mayor Wilson has the least notion of preventing the six cent fare, the city will bring a formal action before the Public Utilities Commission, which will involve a thorough inquiry into the capitalization and physical and moral values concerned.

There is another feature of the matter in which the city could act usefully.

So far as mere protests are in order, let them be directed to the President of the United States and to the Inter State Commerce Commission, as to the reasons why the Federal trustees, named to sell the properties, have not sold them. Year marches after year, and these companies remain with only one function in full exercise.

Their ability to charge fares is great and growing, but in road beds, in service, in safety, in the comfort of passengers things are worse than they used to be.

It is a sad comment upon American civilization that in a time when war requires the utmost sacrifices on the part of many individuals, others are engaged in trying to get the public to pay for the disgustingly rotten stolen values of public service corporations engaged in transportation.

## GLAD TIDINGS

**T**HE FARMER has received from the Special Committee on Ways and Means to Obtain Additional Revenue, confirmation of the six cent fare scheme for Bridgeport, plus the delightful news that "More than 100 companies in the United States have increased their fares."

The Connecticut company, which desires to be the hundred and first company to raise its fares had operating revenue for its last fiscal year reported, of \$8,947,974.04. Its profits, before taxes were paid, were \$3,549,950.49.

There was more than \$3,000,000 for profits after taxes were paid. This is more than six per cent upon the capitalization of the Connecticut Company.

True the company made more than a million for rental of its leased properties. But the public paid an adequate return on those lines, and should not be required to pay twice.

More than thirty-three and one-third per cent. of every car fare is profit. That is pretty good picking for a retail business. Trolley business is presumed to be done wholesale.

## SPECULATING IN BREAD

**I**T IS CHARGED that certain persons engaged in the baking business in Bridgeport had large stocks of flour, that they sold this flour for a large profit above what was paid for it, that they purchased more flour at a higher price and then raised the price of bread upon the theory of high flour.

Such methods abundantly deserve the reprobation of the public. The weight of a loaf of bread should be fixed. The price should be fixed, the weight always and the price for the duration of the war.

War is not an occasion for gentlemen in the baking business to double their profits. It is not profitable for them to do so. History is replete with dramatic stories of the fate of bakers who tampered with the price of bread. Some of the most pathetic history surrounds the ancient notion that the time to tap the public on bread prices is when bread is scarce.

## TO NOLLE CHARGE AGAINST FARINO

On the ground that Lorenzo Farino of this city did not intend to shoot Antonio Demari during a brawl in Norwalk but was attempting to protect Demari from some New York gangsters, the charge of manslaughter against Farino will be nolle. Farino was held for this term of the criminal superior court but after having the facts State's Attorney Cummings recommended a nolle.

Farino was one of a party from this city which went to Norwalk June 24 last. Farino was going home with Raphael Aturo when some strangers attacked the party of which Demari was also a member. While trying to defend his friends Farino accidentally shot Demari. Aturo was fined \$25 for carrying concealed weapons by Judge Burpee in the criminal superior court today.

## YOUTH WHO TOOK \$1,400 PUT ON PROBATION

Thomas Kelly, 414 Broad street, the youth who was arrested for stealing \$1,400 from the coat pocket of John Tukos, a Hallett street resident was placed on probation yesterday by Judge Frank Wilder, in charge of Police Commissioner John E. Lyday.

Tukos left his coat containing the money in the dressing room of the Crane Co., where he is employed. The Kelly youth works at the same plant and in this manner was able to obtain access to the room. The money has been returned.

Cardinal Gibbons offered to contribute some of his books for the benefit of libraries at army cantonments.

An increase of \$7,154,277 in savings bank deposits in New Hampshire as compared with the 12 months previously.

# LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN TO OPEN OCT. 1

Issue Will Not Be Less Than \$3,000,000,000 and May Be \$4,000,000,000.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Without disclosing the amount or other important details, Secretary McAdoo announced last night that the second issue of Liberty Loan bonds would be put on the market beginning Monday, Oct. 1.

The campaign will be conducted most intensively for 27 days, and close on Oct. 27. The issue will be for not less than \$3,000,000,000, and may run as high as \$4,000,000,000. The \$11,000,000,000 Bond bill, under authority of which the new bonds will be issued, will be in the hands of President Wilson for signature on Saturday.

Here is the text of Mr. McAdoo's announcement:

"The campaign for the second Liberty Loan will open Oct. 1 and close Oct. 27. Wednesday, Oct. 24, will be celebrated as Liberty Day throughout the country. Arrangements will be made to hold patriotic meetings on that day in every city, town, and village. Full details of the next Liberty Loan will be issued as soon as possible after the passage by Congress of the pending bond bill.

One of the most striking posters is a bronze tablet effect containing these quotations from President Wilson's speeches: "The time has come to conquer or submit. There was but one choice and we have made it." This poster contains a picture of President Wilson, on each side of which is the American shield. Another poster shows a little boy and a girl making this appeal: "Our daddy is to fight at the front for you. Back him up by buying a Liberty bond." A third poster is the work of Miss Eugenie DeLand, art teacher in the Washington schools. It represents the Statue of Liberty with the American flag as the sky in faint colors. It bears the legend: "Before sunset buy a Liberty bond."

Still another poster represents Uncle Sam pointing to a khaki-clad soldier, and a warship, and to airplanes flying around the Statue of Liberty. It has this inscription: "Buy a bond of the second Liberty Loan." Secretary McAdoo's speeches: "Shall we be more tender with our dollars than with the lives of our sons?" One of the prettiest designs is a window card which is a facsimile of a bronze tablet. It is inscribed: "Buy a bond of the second Liberty Loan."

Another striking poster is a picture of the Treasury Department, with this wording: "Lend your money to your Government." There is also a poster intended to appeal to the foreign-born element. It shows an immigrant ship coming into New York harbor, passing the Statue of Liberty with this appeal: "Remember your first thrill of liberty. Buy a Liberty bond."

Preliminary contracts for 10,000,000 "badges of honor" have been awarded by the Treasury Department, and deliveries are now being made to Liberty Loan Committees of the 12 Federal Reserve Districts. "Badge of honor" is the term which Secretary McAdoo has been given to the button that will be handed to subscribers. The border of the button is in red and the center in blue, with the bust of the Statue of Liberty and the words "I Own a Liberty Bond" in white.

It is believed that the sale of the second issue will proceed with even greater enthusiasm than did the first, and that the large number of persons who subscribed to bonds of the first issue and were finally, because of the tremendous over-subscription, unable to secure any bonds, will be now prompt to renew their subscriptions. The issue was \$1,035,000,000. It is the confident belief of Secretary McAdoo that fully one-half of the second issue of \$3,000,000,000 of bonds will be taken within the first 10 days of the period of sale.

## RESOURCES COMMITTEE SELLS CHOICE ALBERTA PEACHES AT OFFICE

Large luscious selected Alberta peaches are on sale today through the Agricultural department of the Fairfield County Resources Mobilization committee. The peaches are of superior quality, especially suitable for brandying. The association is marketing the peaches that none may be lost.

## RAINCOATS

Our line of double texture coats for street wear are all guaranteed to be waterproof and the line gives a large variety to select from.

A good serviceable raincoat for general wear, \$5.25

Better grades \$6.00 to \$10.00

Our double texture garment with the best lining, \$16.00

LADIES' DOUBLE TEXTURE COATS \$5.00 to \$15.00

BOYS' and GIRLS' COATS \$3.50 to \$6.00

## ALLING RUBBER CO.

1126 MAIN ST.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word

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## Draperies and Curtains

Sunfast is a very rich looking material. The silky threads take color dyes in the happiest way. When hung over thin net curtains the effect is pleasant in the extreme and is an attractive winter dress for windows in living room or dining room.

New weaves in brown, blue, rose and green.  
45 inches wide, \$2.25  
Figured Madras, rose, green, blue and brown, quite new.  
36 inches wide, 68 cts  
Ecru and White Madras, 29, 35 and 50 cts  
Third floor.

## Always, the Military!

There's a touch of khaki or blue of the navy everywhere. And we Bridgeporters like it immensely. We like to see soldiers and sailors about the street. Among special articles for soldiers and sailors are:

Army Rings, \$1.00  
War Medals (Red Cross) 50 cts  
Patriotic Rings, with flags, eagles or shields, 50 cts  
"Mizpah" Rings, 50 cts  
At the Jewelry Section.



## Men's Wear

"Metric" Shirts, new fall styles with soft laundered cuffs, \$2.00  
"Waverly" Shirts, double French cuffs, \$1.00 and \$1.50  
Flannel Shirts, "Congress" make in khaki and gray, \$1.50 to \$3.00

## Trouser Pressers

This first cost is the last and only  
This is a heatless presser that will last a life time.  
It weighs 20 ounces and take up very little room in closet or drawer. Ask about it.  
Price \$1.00  
Basement Furnishing Store.

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## The keynote of good style

Whether it is the walk, the poise, or carriage of the figure, there is an indefinite something about certain women which gives presence and style and which it is hard for the beholder to determine. The woman herself if asked will tell you that it is no doubt—the corset. She will also tell you that she pays great attention to the corset and that it is economy to buy a good one.

Perhaps she wears a Redfern. That is one make that may be had in models for all figures. The styles for this autumn are here, and though of French design they are modified a trifle in the lines, just to adapt them to the American figure.

The Redfern should be tried on at the department. Fittings may be arranged at the convenience of patrons.

Second floor.



## Velour Hats

Velour Hats are good friends. They will stand much abuse without showing resentment, and as for comfort in everyday wear—walking, motoring, sports wear—nothing better.

Autumn styles in navy, black, cardinal, olive and "Scotch mist."

Also such cheerful effects as tangerine and turquoise.

Second floor.

## At the Toilet Section

Comfort Kits that contain talcum, tooth paste, shaving stick and six individual cakes of soap. These are for the soldiers, 75 cts  
Metal Mirrors in khaki cases, 50 cts  
Iron Rust Soap, removes ink, fruit, wine or rust stains. A good thing to have in the house, 20 cts  
Main floor.

## Everyday Hosiery

For Women. Mercerized Lises, in black, white, gray and tan.  
Special 3 pairs for \$1.00  
For Men. Fibre Silks in black, white, navy, gray and tan.  
Special 3 pairs for \$1.00  
Main floor.

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## JITNEY DRIVERS SAY \$60 A WEEK IS THEIR PROFIT

That the average jitney owner makes about \$60 a week is indicated by two suits filed today in the common pleas court by proprietors of these vehicles, which were damaged in collisions. John A. Gilbert of this city brought an action against Bert Crump and the Connecticut Co. for treble damages, alleging that his machine was struck at Main and Congress streets June 9 last. Gilbert says his car was standing when the trolley car hit Crump's machine and sent it crashing into the Gilbert vehicle, causing damage which cost \$334.60 to repair.

Patrick Kelly of this city sues Andrew Sorenson of this city for \$200 for injuries to the jockey resulting from a collision at Connecticut and Stratford avenues July 26 last. Both plaintiffs say they averaged \$60 a week from the jitney business.

## ADMINISTRATOR OF MAN FATALY HURT SUES AUTO DRIVER

A suit for \$10,000 damages has been brought against Joseph Stiegler of this city by Victorio Maffi, administrator on the estate of Leon Maffi, who was struck and fatally injured by Stiegler's automobile May 20, 1917. It is claimed Leon Maffi was attempting to cross the street at Washington avenue and Fulton street when he was struck by the defendant's automobile. Stiegler is accused of negligence in the suit, which was filed today in the civil superior court.

## Library Board Gives \$500 to National Fund

A contribution of \$500 to the fund of \$1,000,000, which is being raised in the country for the purchase of books for soldiers, was made yesterday by the trustees of the Bridgeport Public Library. It is estimated that between \$5,000 and \$9,000 has been raised thus far in this city.

The fund will be used to erect libraries in practically every cantonment camp in the nation totalling 32.

## TO ARREST MAYOR FOR CONSPIRACY IN MURDER CASE

Warrants Out for Philadelphia Mayor, Police Officer and Councilman

Philadelphia, Sept. 21.—Mayor Thomas Smith, Police Lieutenant David Bennett, and Isaac Deutsch, a common councilman, were expected to accept service today of the warrants sworn out last night charging them with conspiracy in connection with the killing of Policeman Eppley and assault made upon two other men by gunmen alleged to have been brought here from Jersey City by one of the rival factions in the contest for the Republican leadership in the fifth ward.

Arrangements, it was announced, have been made to admit the mayor and the other two men named in the

warrants to bail at \$10,000 each. They will be given a hearing next Tuesday. The warrants were sworn out by Isadore Stern, a member of the state legislature.

Other arrests in addition to the two prisoners, Jacob Maschia and John Costello, who yesterday were held without bail in connection with the killing of Policeman Eppley, were expected to be made shortly. Five other men alleged to have been imported from New York are declared by the police to have participated in the attack.

## POWERFUL ORGAN OF CATHOLIC CENTER IN BERLIN SUPPRESSED

Stockholm, Sept. 21.—Dispatches from Berlin say that the newspaper Germania has been suppressed by the German authorities until further notice. Germania was the leading organ of the Catholic center and stood midway between the annexationist wing represented by the Cologne Volks Zeitung and the Erbsberger school. It represented such a powerful influence that the action of the German censor appears to be decidedly daring.

Two thousand five hundred carrier pigeons are being assembled in Fort Wood, N. Y., for war duty abroad.